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Hydrogels with Bicyclic Amide Acetals

Examiner: Robert C. Boyle

AMENDMENT "A"

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.